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## **WSP to Conduct Border to Border Speed Emphasis Patrols**

On Friday, May 26, and Monday, May 29 (Memorial Day), the Washington State Patrol will be conducting a "Border-to-Border" speed emphasis patrol. Troopers in Snohomish, Skagit, Island, and Whatcom Counties will be working in tandem with troopers along the I-5 corridor from Oregon to the Canadian border. The troopers will be holding the emphasis patrols on I-5 between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on both days. Data indicates that these times have the heaviest traffic and speed volume.

"We are seeing an increase of speeds on I-5, which, in turn, is causing an increase in speed-related collisions," Captain Jim Lever stated. "We want people to have a fun and safe holiday weekend, but they should know that we will be out in force on I-5 actively enforcing the speed limit, looking for aggressive drivers, and drivers who are not wearing their seat belts."

Data shows that speed is one of the major causes of collisions on I-5, and almost 50% of people killed in collisions are not wearing their seat belts. The emphasis patrols will be augmented by additional troopers through the use of a traffic safety grant.

For further information, or to schedule a ride along, please call Trooper Kirk Rudeen at 360-658-2588 Ext 114.

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